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Remarks

In the non-final Office Action mailed on 14 December 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 1 and 17 due to certain informalities. Claims dependent from either claim 1 or 17 were objected to as incorporating this same informality. All pending claims were deemed otherwise allowable.

Claim 1 recites two steps of "generating" and then refers to "the" step of generating without clarifying which step. In like manner, claim 17 recites two means for generating and refers to "the" means for generating without clarifying which means is intended. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to clarify that the step and means intended is the step and means for generating PCI signals. This amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection to claims 1-4, 6-10, and 17-20.

In view of the amendment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-4, 6-10, and 17-20. Claims 11-16 were already deemed allowable and thus Applicants maintain that all remaining claims (1-4 and 6-20) are allowable.

No additional fees are believed due. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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